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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended as indicated above.

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35 U.S.C. § 119 (e)

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (e) of co-pending U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/423,508, filed November 4, 2002, entitled "Target Sequences for the Detection of the West Nile Virus" having the same named applicants as inventors, namely, Martin J. Lopez, Ramon Eritja, and Martin Munzer.

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